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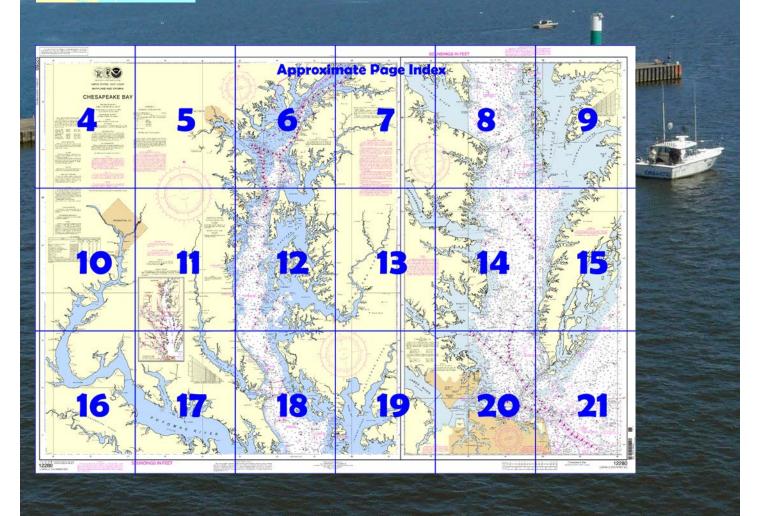
Chesapeake Bay



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Nautical charts are a fundamental tool of marine navigation. They show water depths, obstructions, buoys, other aids to navigation, and much more. The information is shown in a way that promotes safe and efficient navigation. Chart carriage is mandatory on the commercial ships that carry America's commerce. They are also used on every Navy and Coast Guard ship, fishing and passenger vessels, and are widely carried by recreational boaters.

What is a BookletChart[™]?

This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

Whenever possible, use the official, full scale NOAA nautical chart for navigation. Nautical chart sales agents are listed on the Internet at http://www.NauticalCharts.NOAA.gov.

This BookletChart does NOT fulfill chart carriage requirements for regulated commercial vessels under Titles 33 and 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Notice to Mariners Correction Status

This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.

For latest Coast Pilot excerpt visit the Office of Coast Survey website at http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/coastpilot-w.php?book=3.



(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)
Chesapeake Bay, the largest inland body of water along the Atlantic coast of the United States, is 168 miles long with a greatest width of 23 miles. The bay is the approach to Norfolk, Newport News, Baltimore, and many lesser ports. Deep-draft vessels use the Atlantic entrance, which is about 10 miles wide between Fishermans Island on the north and Cape Henry on the south. Medium-draft vessels can enter from

Delaware Bay on the north via Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, and lightdraft vessels can enter from Albemarle Sound on the south via the Intracoastal Waterway.

The waters surrounding a vessel that is carrying liquefied petroleum gas are a **safety zone** while the vessel transits the Chesapeake Bay and

Elizabeth River. (See **165.506**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

North Atlantic Right Whales.—Endangered North Atlantic right whales may occur within 30 miles of the Virginia coasts in the approaches to the Chesapeake Bay (peak season: November through April, although right whales have been sigted in the area year round). (See North Atlantic Right Whales, indexed as such in Chapter 3, for more information on right whales and recommend measures to avoid collisions.)

All vessels 65 feet or greater in length overall (L.O.A.) and subject to the jurisdiction of the United States are restricted to speeds of 10 knots or less in a Seasonal Management Area existing around the entrance to the Chesapeake Bay between November 1 and April 30. The area is defined as the waters within a 20-nm radius of 37°00'36.9"N., 75°57'50.5"W. (See 50 CFR **224.105** in Chapter 2 for regulations, limitations, and exceptions.)

Chesapeake Light (36°54'17"N., 75°42'46"W.), 117 feet above the water, is shown from a blue tower on a white superstructure on four piles, 14 miles eastward of Cape Henry. The name CHESAPEAKE is displayed on all sides. A sound signal and racon are at the light. A fish haven, consisting of sunken fishing-boat hulls and marked by private unlighted buoys, is about 0.4 mile southwestward of the light.

Cape Charles, on the north side of the entrance, is low and bare, but the land back of it is high and wooded. **Wise Point** is the most southerly mainland tip of the cape. Low **Fishermans Island**, a National Wildlife Refuge, is 1 mile south of Wise Point.

The southwest end of **Smith Island** is 2.4 miles eastward of Wise Point; the island is 6 miles long, low and sparsely wooded, and awash at half tide midway along its length.

Cape Charles Light (37°07'23"N., 75°54'23"W.), 180 feet above the water, is shown from an octagonal, pyramidal skeleton tower, upper part black and lower part white, on the southwestern part of Smith Island.

Smith Island Shoal, which breaks in heavy weather, has depths of 21 feet 7.5 miles east-southeast of Cape Charles Light. Depths less than 40 feet extend another 5 miles northeastward. Outer limits of the shoal area are marked by a lighted buoy.

Nautilus Shoal, which extends 4 miles southeastward from Fishermans Island, has patches with depths of 6 to 11 feet. The buoyed channel along the southwest side of Nautilus Shoal, thence northward between Fishermans Island and **Inner Middle Ground**, had a controlling depth of about 16 feet in 1977-1980. The channel is used by local vessels drawing up to 12 feet. This channel is not recommended for strangers because of shifting shoals. In 1996, a 10-foot shoal was reported 1.5 miles S of Fishermans Island in about 37°03'31.2"N., 075°57'27.0"W.

Breakers frequently occur along the axis of Inner Middle Ground, starting on the seaward side of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel and continuing the entire length of the shoal. This phenomenon appears to be associated with large swells rolling in from sea from the south-southeast to southeast.

Cape Henry, on the south side of the entrance, has a range of sand hills about 80 feet high.

Cape Henry Light (36°55'35"N., 76°00'26"W.), 164 feet above the water, is shown from an octagonal, pyramidal tower, upper and lower half of each face alternately black and white, on the beach near the turn of the cape.

A **naval restricted area** extends northward and eastward from Cape Henry. (See **334.320**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center 24 hour Regional Contact for Emergencies

RCC Norfolk Commander

5th CG District (575) 398-6231 Norfolk, VA

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NOTE H
Poplar Island restoration project.
Access channel for construction
use only.

RECAUTIONARY AREA67

HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGES CHESAPEAKE CHANNEL SPANS

3 fixed white lights are at the center of the southern span, over fixed green range lights.

EASTERN CHANNEL SPANS

HOR CL 690 FT VERT CL 58 FT

Fixed green range lights mark the center of the southern span.

Differences of as much as 6° from mal variation have been observed nautical miles offshore from Cape H

CALITION

Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges.

NOTE C

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CAUTION

Limitations on the use of radio signals as aids to marine navigation can be found in the U.S. Coast Guard Light Lists and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Publication 117.

Radio direction-finder bearings to commercial broadcasting stations are subject to error and should be used with caution. Station positions are shown thus:

⊙(Accurate location) o(Approximate location

CAUTION

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During some winter months or when endangered by ice, certain aids to navigation are replaced by other types or removed. For details see U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

SMALL CRAFT WARNINGS

During the boating season small-oraft warnings will be displayed from sunrise to sunset on Maryland Marine Police Cruisers while underway in Maryland waters of the Chesapeake Bay and tributaries.

RADAR REFLECTORS

Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

For Symbols and Abbreviations see Chart No. 1

CABLE AND PIPELINE AREAS

The cable and pipeline areas falling within the areas of the larger scale charts are shown thereon and are not repeated on this chart.

Table of Selected Chart Notes

NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS

The NOAA Weather Radio stations listed below provide continuous weather broadcasts. The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at high elevations.

Baltimore, MD 162.400 MHz 162.550 MHz Washington, DC (Manassas, VA) Heathsville, VA KHB-36 162.400 MHz 162.550 MHz WXM-57 KHB-37 KEC-92 WXK-97 Norfolk, VA Salisbury, MD Sudlersville, MD 162,475 MHz 162.500 MHz

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation.

FISH TRAP AREAS

Fish trap areas and buoys marking these areas are not shown on this chart. See large scale charts.

Mariners are warned to stay clear of the pro tective riprap surrounding navigational light structures shown thus:

Mercator Projection Scale 1:200,000 at Lat. 38°10'

North American Datum of 1983 (World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FEET AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

NOTE S

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Regulations for Ocean Dumping Sites are contained in 40 CFR, Parts 220-229. Additional information concerning the regulations and requirements for use of the sites may be obtained from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). See U.S. Coast Pilots appendix for addresses GPA offices. Dumping subsequent to the survey dates may have reduced the depths shown.

DANGER AREA

Area is open to unrestricted surface navigation but all vesse

HORIZONTAL DATUM

The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North The norizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which for charting purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System of 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 do not require conversion to NAD 83 for plotting on this chart.

The Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel complex has on several occasions suffered damage from vessels due to adverse weather conditions. Currents in excess of three mots can be expected in the area. Mariners transiting knots can be expected in the area. Mariners transiting his area are urged to be particularly alert in regards to he weather situation. The National Weather Servici provides 24 hour weather broadcasting on 162.55 mHz. The Local Marine Operator also transmits weather infor-mation at 0100, 0700, 1300, and 1900 local time on 538 and 2450 kHz. Transmitting schedules are subject o change, see Notice to Mariners. Maneuvering in closed covarious of the National Lorent control of the National Lorent proviping the National Lorent Lorent Lorent proviping the National Lorent Lorent Lorent proviping the National Lorent Lorent

This chart is not intended for navigating the tributaries and nearshore waters of the Chesapeake Bay. Many wrecks obstructions and aids to navigation have been omitted from this chart. For detailed information use larger scale charts

NOTE A

Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2, U.S Coast Pilots 3 & 4. Additions or revisions to Chapter 2 are pub-shed in the Notice to Mariners. Information concerning th egulations may be obtained at the Office of the Commander th Coast Guard District in Portsmouth, Virginia or at the fice of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers in Itimore, Maryland or Norfolk, Virginia.

Refer to charted regulation section numbers

POLLUTION REPORTS

Report all spills of oil and hazardous substances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 153).

Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel (Private lights)

Trestles A & B - In each trestle section the fixed navigation opening for small craft consists of a group of 3 spans. A fixed green light marks the centerline of each span and fixed red lights mark outermost bridge support piling on each side of the openings. WESTERN SPANS EASTERN SPANS

HOR CL 70 FT VERT CL 23 FT HOR CL 70 FT VERT CL 21 FT

North Channel Bridge - A fixed green light marks the mid-channel. Fixed red obstruction lights mark each pier in Trestles C and D.

NORTHERN SPAN SOUTHERN SPAN HOR CL 300 FT HOR CL 300 FT VERT CL 75 FT VERT CL 75 FT

WARNING

The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

NO-DISCHARGE ZONE, 40 CFR 140

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Under the Clean Water Act, Section 312, all vessels operating within a No-Discharge Zone (NDZ) are completely prohibited from discharging any sewage, treated or untreated, into the waters. All vessels with an installed marine sanitation device (MSD) that are navigating, moored, anchored, or docked within a NDZ must have the MSD disabled to prevent the overboard discharge of sewage (treated or untreated) or install a holding tank. Regulations for the NDZ are contained in the U.S. Coast Pilot. Additional information concerning the regulations and requirements may be obtained from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) web site: http://www.epa.gov/oww/oceans/regulatory/vessel_sewage/. owow/oceans/regulatory/vessel_sewage/

AUTHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, and U.S.

SOURCE DIAGRAMS

The entire area of this chart is covered by larger scale charts outlined below. See larger scale charts for Source Diagrams which outline the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charting.

NOTE D

Tolchester Sector Light A is equipped with a fixed light divided into

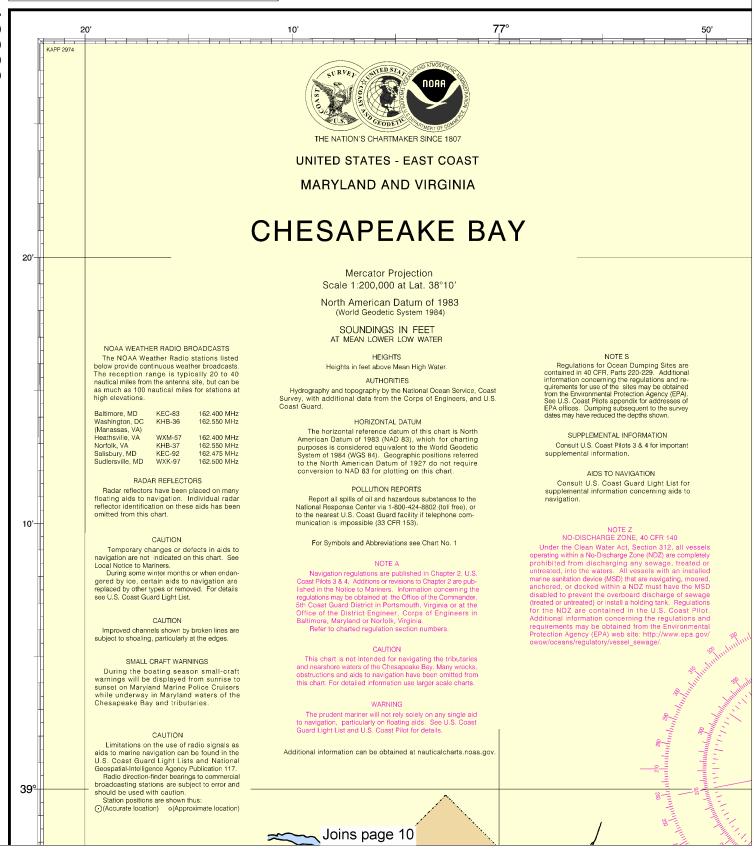
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Light A, red sector - from 001.5° to 046°; white sector - from 046° to 047.5°; red sector - from 047.5° to 087.5°; white sector - from 087.5° to 090.5°; green sector - from 090.5° to 187°; obscured - from 187° to 001.5°

Tolchester Directional Light is equipped with a fixed white light down the channel centerline, visible only from 041.5° to 046.5°.

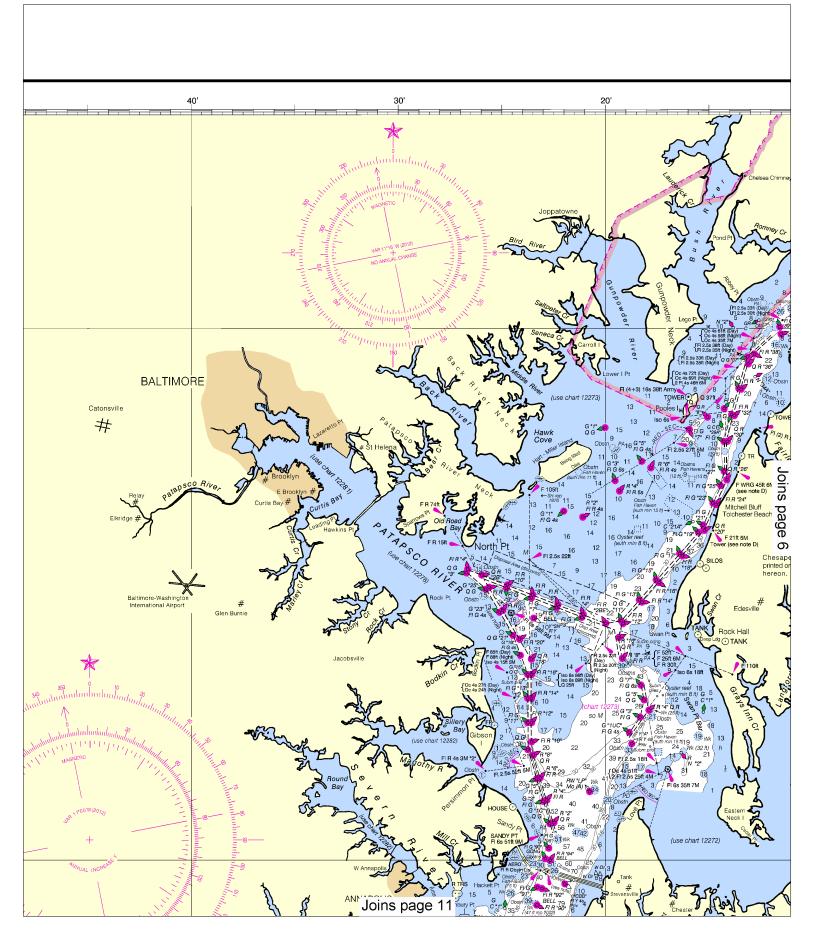
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TIDAL INFORMATION				
PLACE		Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW)		
NAME	(LAT/LONG)	Mean Higher High Water	Mean High Water	Mean Low Water
		feet	feet	feet
Betterton, Sassafras River Entrance	(39°22'N/76°04'W)	2.2	1.8	0.2
Baltimore, Ft. McHenry	(39°16'N/76°35'W)	1.7	1.4	0.2
Chestertown, Chester River	(39°12'N/76°04'W)	2.7	2.2	0.4
Annapolis, U.S. Naval Academy	(38°59'N/76"29'W)	1.4	1.2	0.2
Washington D.C., Washington Channel	(38°52'N/77°01'W)	3.2	2.9	0.1
Cambridge, Choptank River	(38°34'N/76°04'W)	2.0	1.8	0.2
Wolf Trap Light	(37°23'N/76°11'W)	1.8	1.7	0.1
Hampton Roads, Sewells Point	(36°57'N/76°20'W)	2.8	2.5	0.1
Dashes () located in datum columns indicate unavailable datum values for a tide station. Real-time water levels,				

tide predictions, and tidal current predictions are available on the Internet from http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov.







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SOUNDINGS IN FEET 76° 50' 20' KAPP 2975 10<u>'</u> POTOMAC AIVER Cornfield # Still Pond NOTE D Tolchester Sector Light A is equipped with a fixed light divided into sectors as follows: Light A, red sector - from 001.5° to 046°; white sector - from 046° to 047.5°; red sector - from 047.5° to 087.5°; white sector - from 087.5° to 090.5°; green sector - from 090.5° to 187°; obscured - from 187° to Tolchester Directional Light is equipped with a fixed white light down the channel centerline, visible only from 041.5° to 046.5°. 38⁰ TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME The traffic separation scheme is designed to aid in the revention of collisions at the approaches to Chesapeake Bay nd does not supersede or alter the applicable Rules of the The RECOMMENDED routes for entering and departing om Chesapeake Bay are overprinted on this chart. The ortheast Approach is marked by a tinted magenta line entered on a line of fairway buoys which separates the eve all buovs on their port hand. It is RECOMMENDED that the following ships use the It is RECOMMENDED that the following ships use the Southern Approach deep-water route when bound for Chesspeake Bey from sea or to sea from Chesspeake Bey: Deep-draft ships, drafts defined as 42 feet/12.8 meters or greater in fresh water, and naval airoraft carriers. Ships drawing less than 42 feet/12.8 meters may use the deep-water route when, in their master's judgment, the effects of ship characteristics, its speed, and prevailing environmental conditions may cause the draft of the ship to equal or exceed 42 feet/12.8 meters. 50' 42 feet/12.6 meters. It is RECOMMENDED that a ship using the deep-water route: Announce its intention on VHF-FM channel 16 as it approaches Chesapeake Bay Southern Approach Lighted Whistle Buoy "CB" on the south end, or Chesapeake Bay Entrance Lighted Whistle Buoy "CH", on the north end of the route; Avoid, as far as practicable, overtaking other ships operating labe deep treater route. Keep as near to the outer limit of the route which lies on the starboard side as is safe and practicable. # Centerville All other ships approaching the Chesapeake Bay traffic separation scheme should use the appropriate inbound or butbound traffic lane of the traffic separation scheme. Traffic within the precautionary area may consist of vessels operating between Thimble Shoal and Chesapeake Channels and one of the established traffic lanes. Mariners are advised to exercise extreme care in navigating within this area. The normal Pilot Boarding Area is outlined by a magenta band. 39 Greensboro Joins page 13



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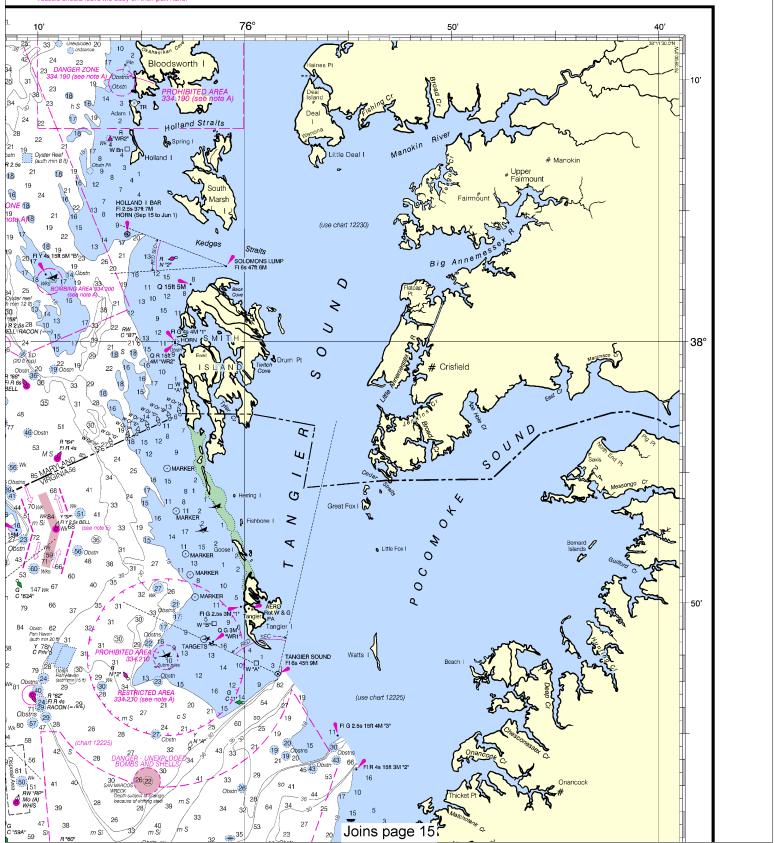
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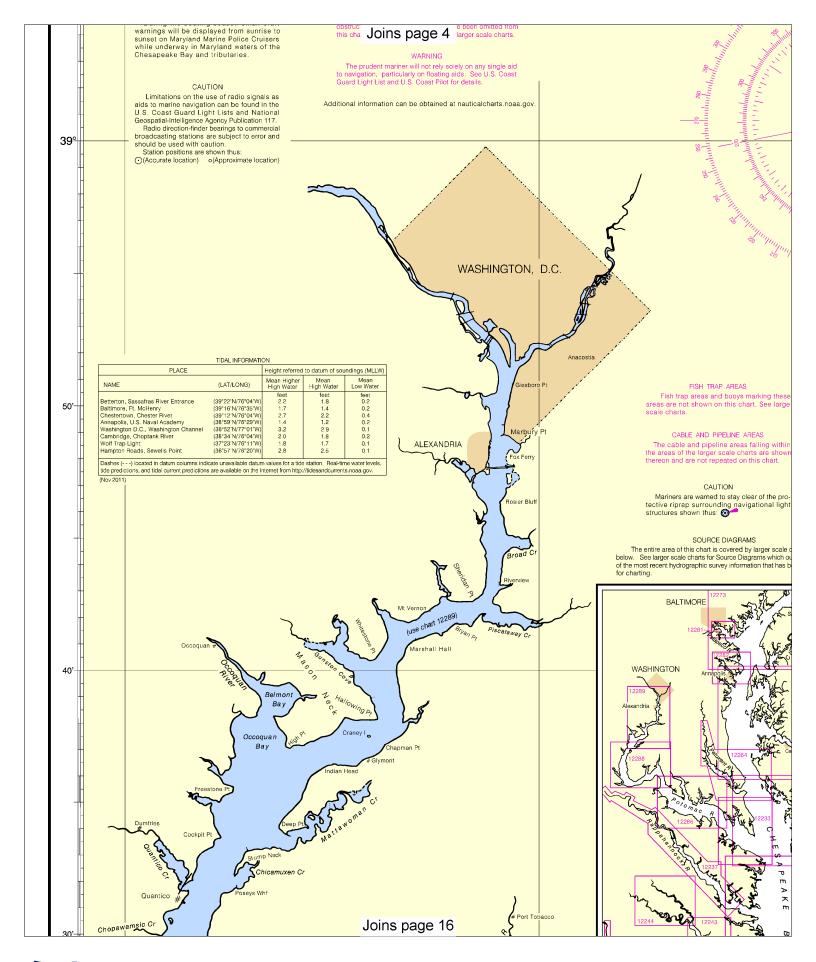


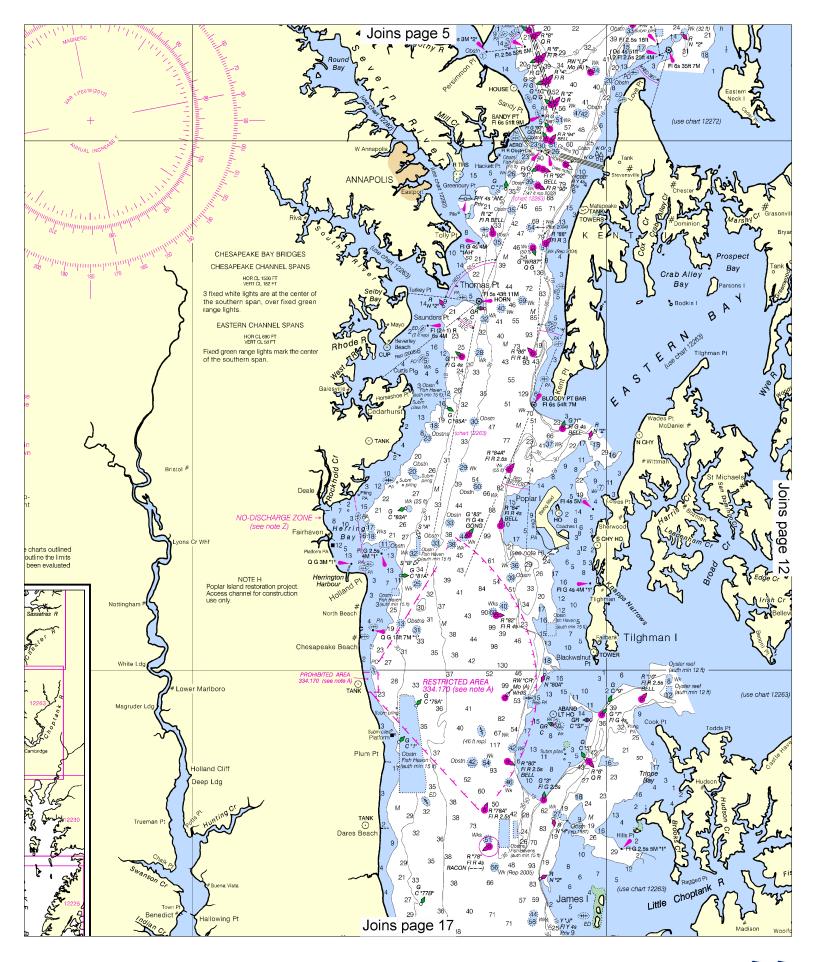
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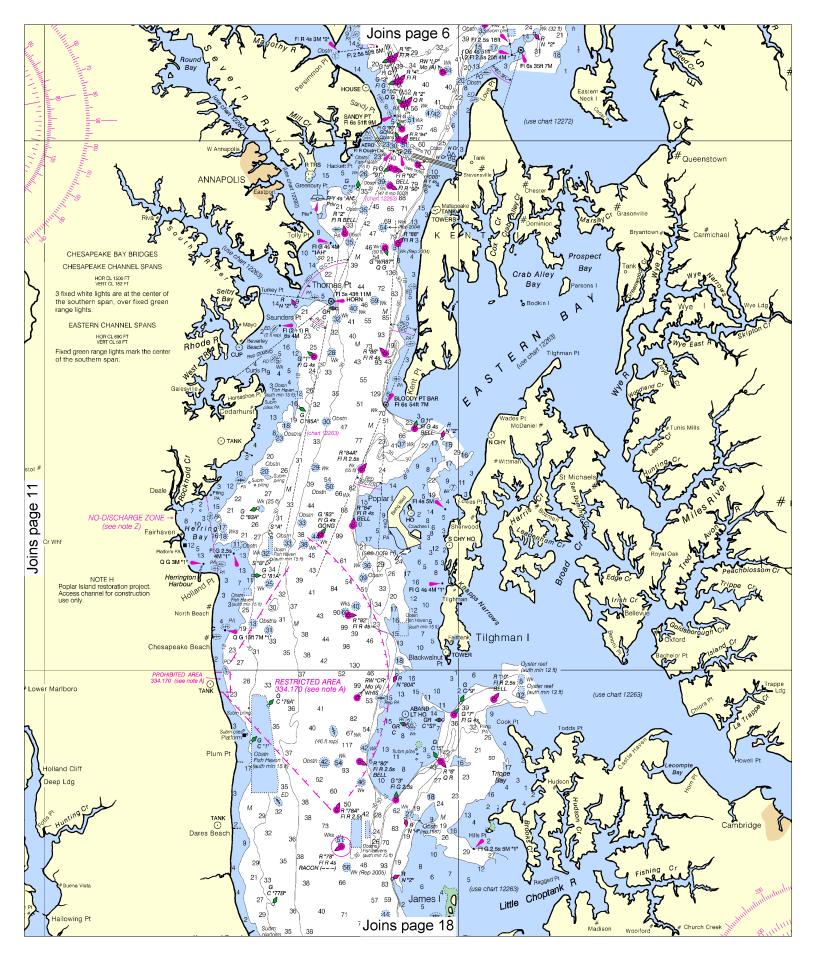
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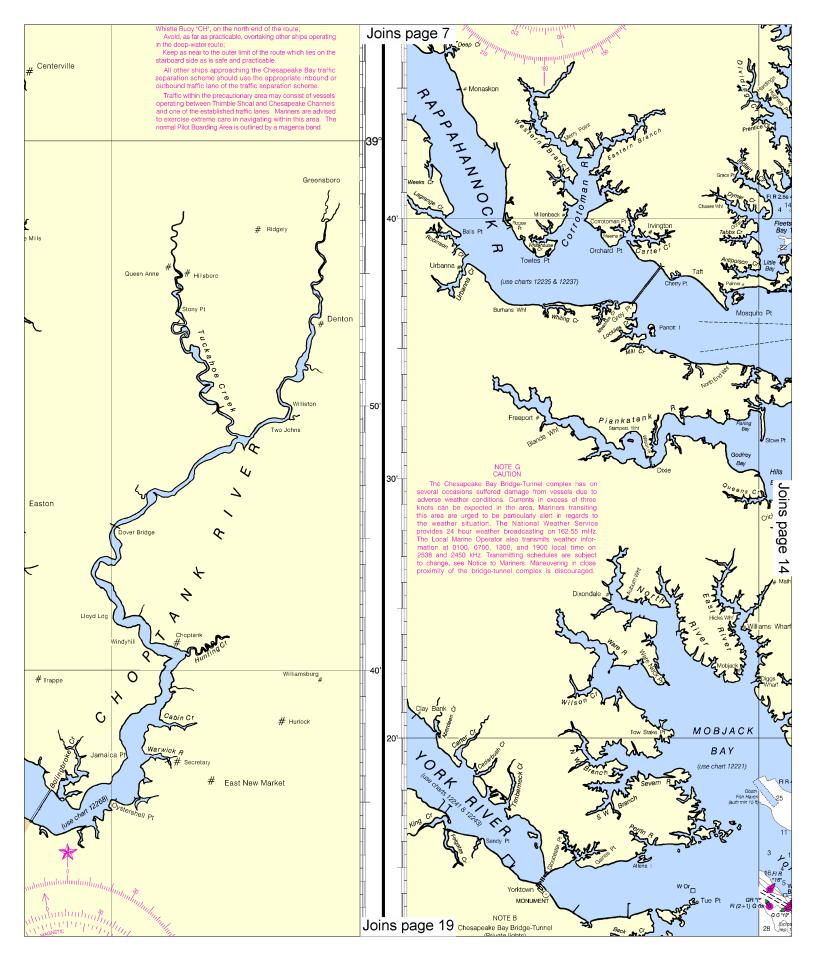
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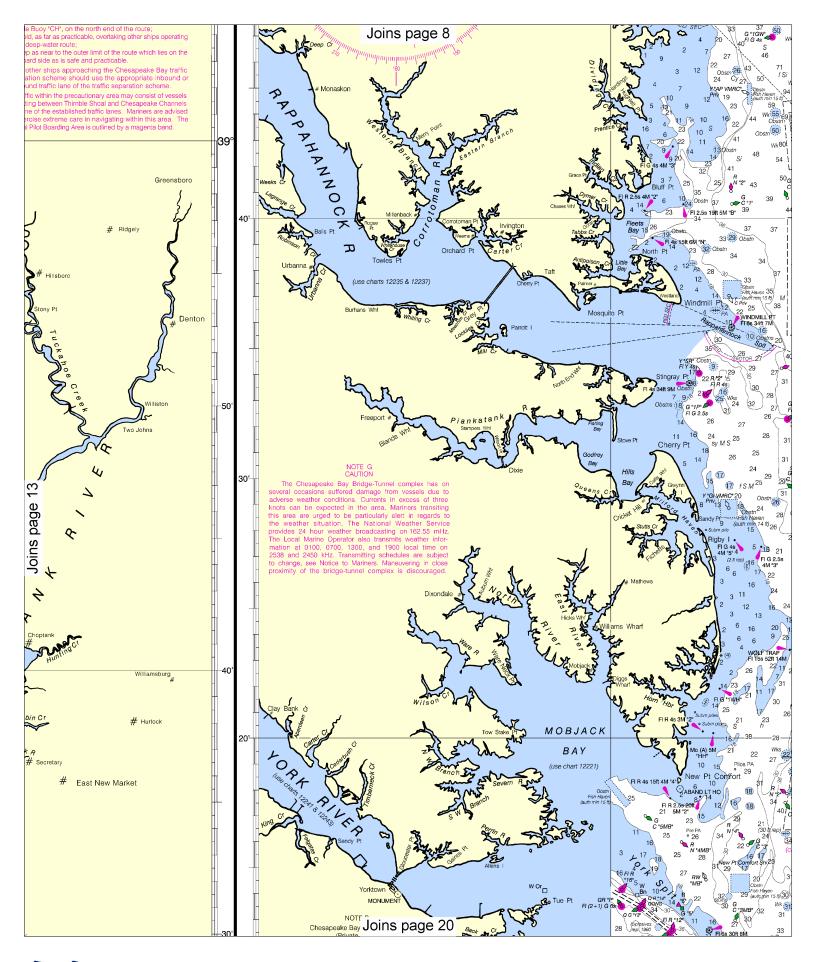


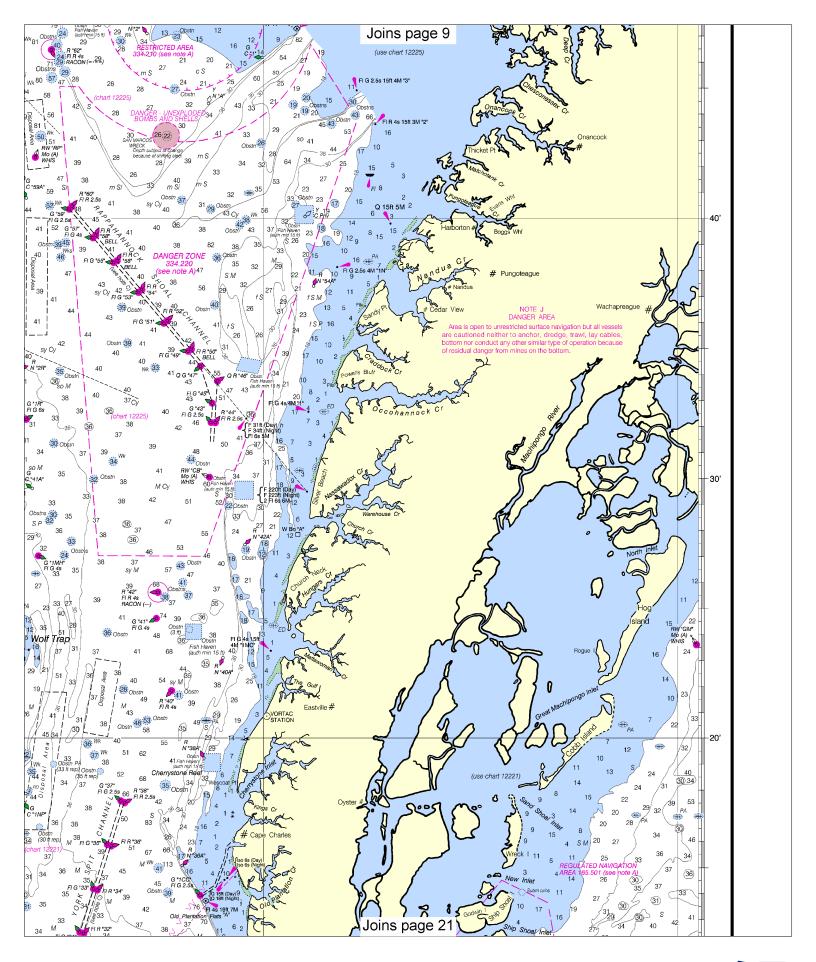


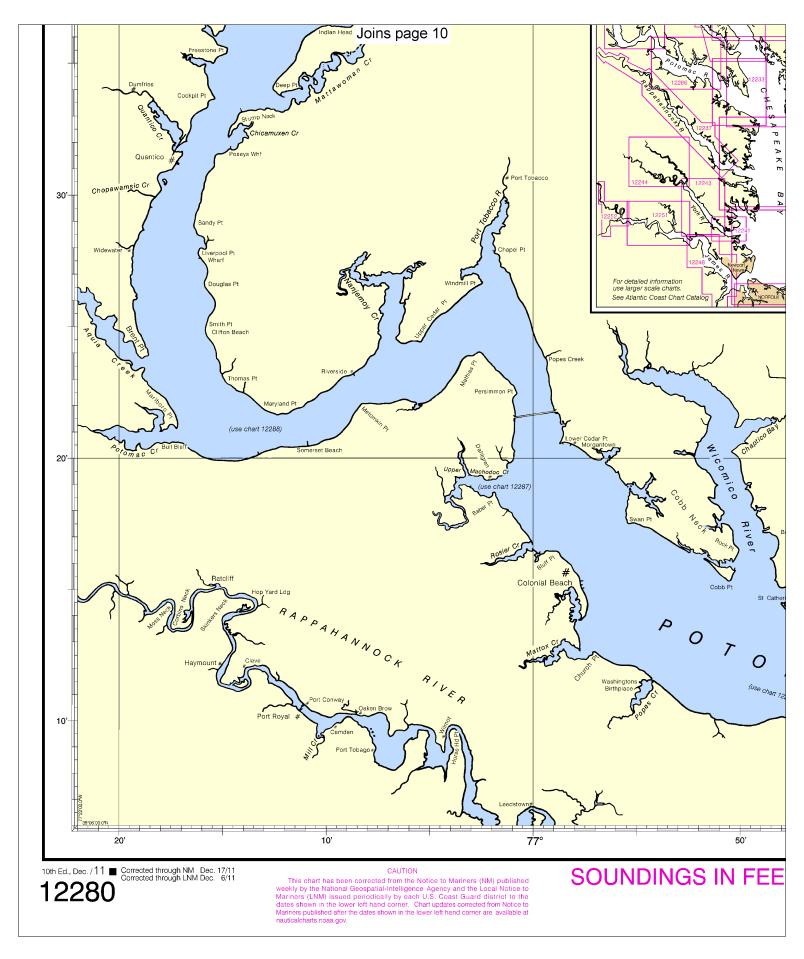


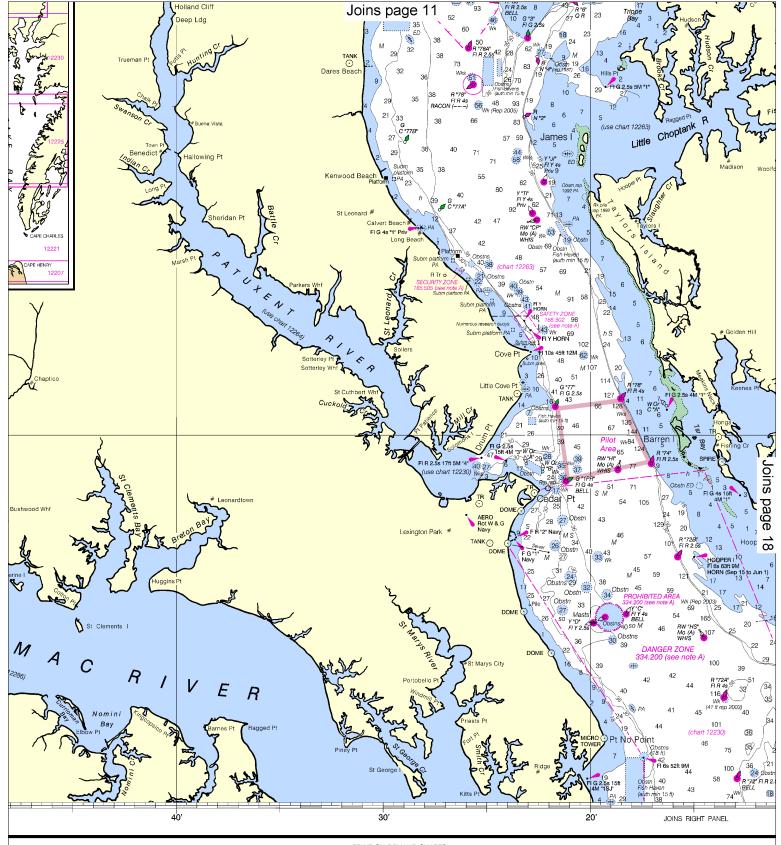






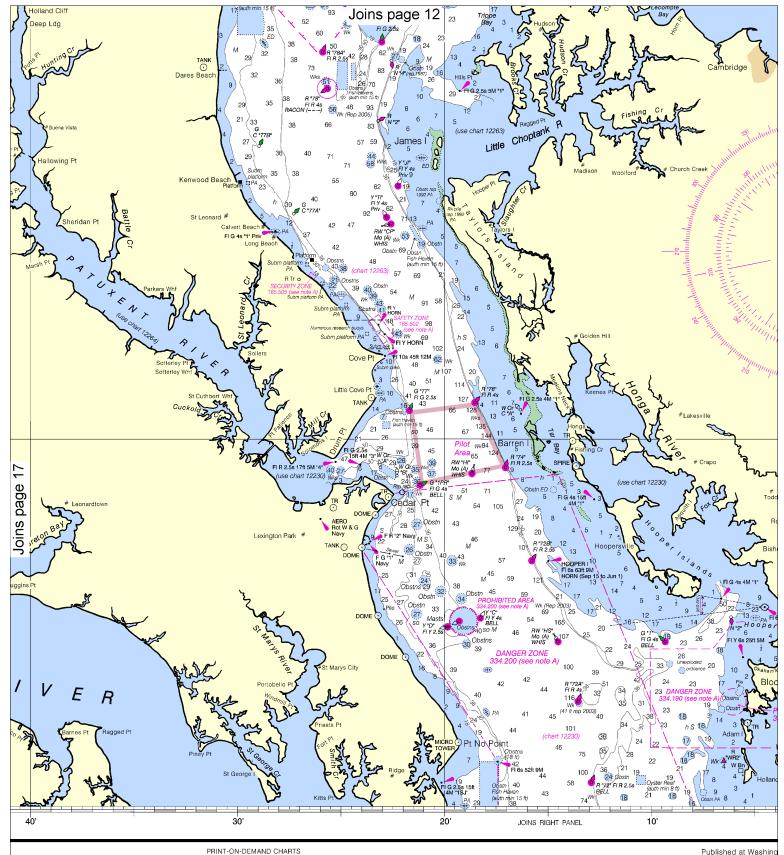






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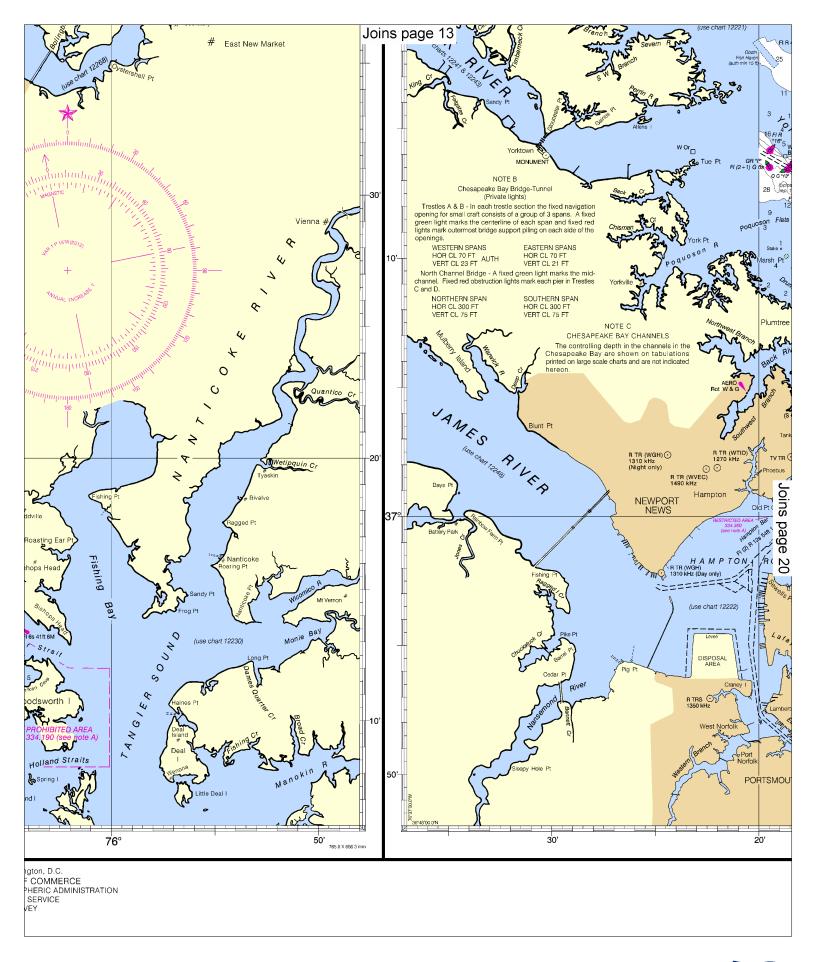
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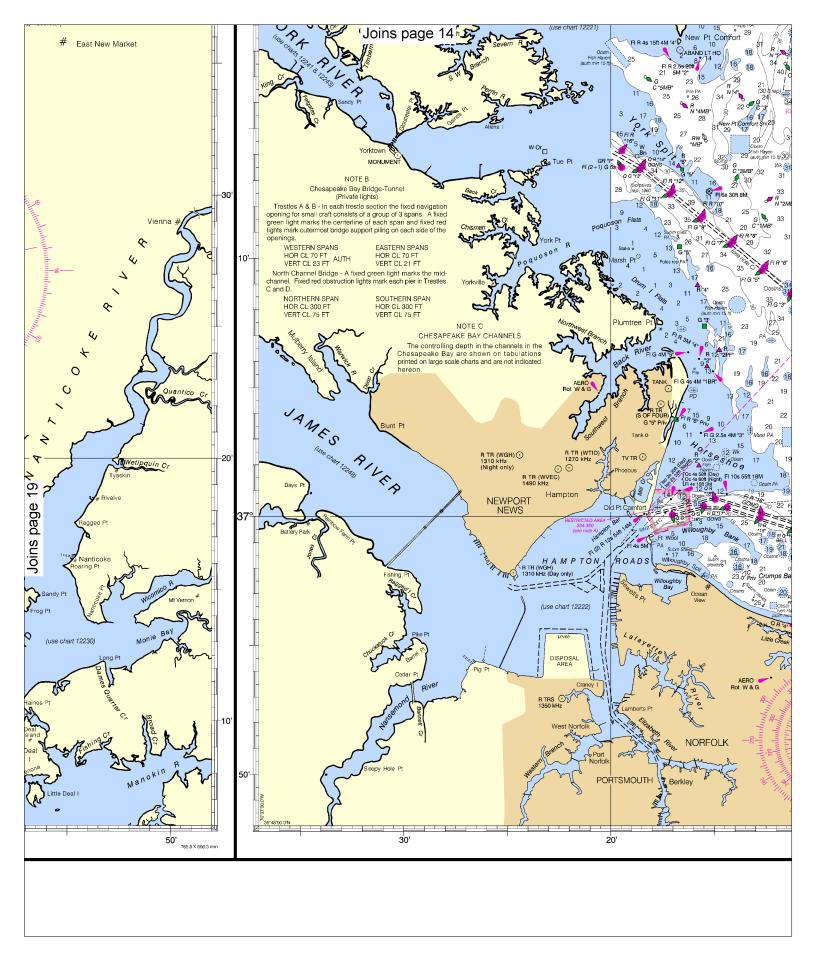


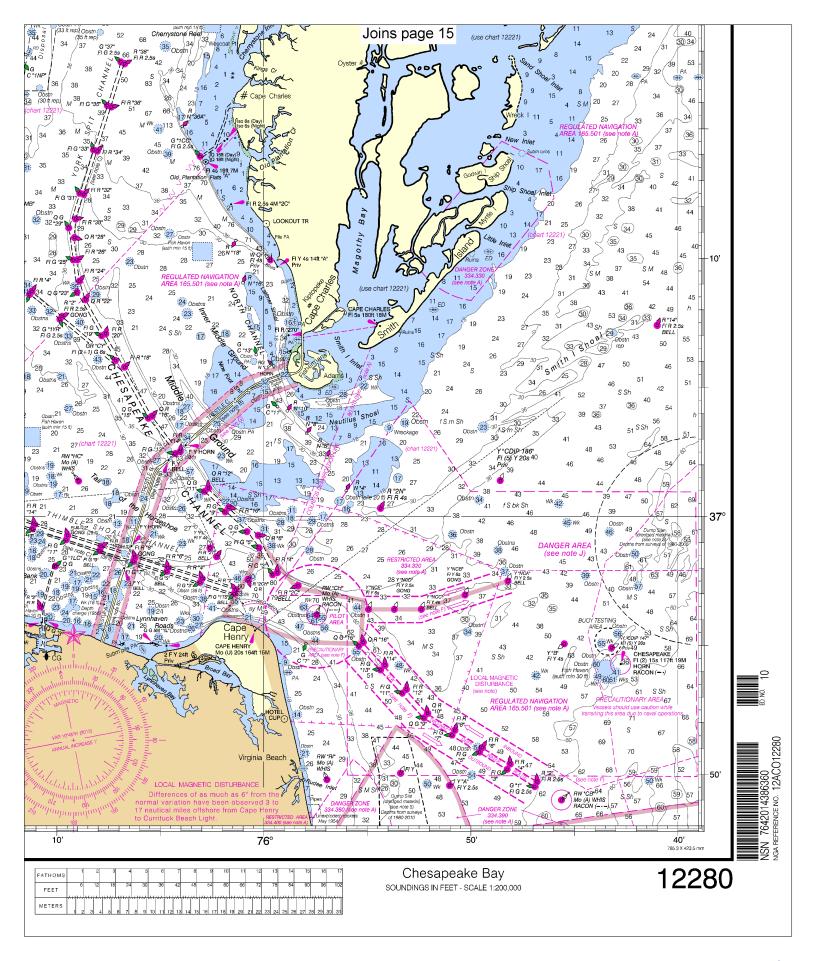
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VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

Channel 6 – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here. Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A – Recreational boat channels.

Getting and Giving Help — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.

Distress Call Procedures

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of

Emergency; Number of People on Board.

- · Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!



NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR) is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information directly from the nearest National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts official Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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